

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 10, 1992

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
MOKELUMNE RIVER HEARING

CC-184

Mr. Robert J. Johnson, Director, City of Lodi Parks and Recreation Commission, read the following letter which was directed to the State Water Resources Control Board expressing the concerns of the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the Mokelumne River.

"The City of Lodi Parks and Recreation Department would like to take this opportunity to express its concerns regarding the Mokelumne River.

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It is important to point out that the recreational benefits of the area are not only to Lodi residents. We estimate that over 30 percent of the visitors to the Lake on a summer weekend are from areas other than Lodi. We know for a fact that people from the Contra Costa, Stanislaus and Sacramento County areas are frequent users of the facility. The Park has been designated a Regional Park in the San Joaquin County Recreation Master Plan.

The parks and Recreation Department is aware of the water quality and flow problems in the River. During these recent dry years, we have had to occasionally limit our recreational activities due to bacterial problems.

We believe that increased flows of colder and better quality water would alleviate these problems.

As you consider the fate of the Mokelumne River, we urge you also keep in mind the numerous recreational benefits it provides to thousands of people.

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*Thank you for your time and consideration of the City of Lodi Park and Recreation Department needs."*

*Also addreesfng the City Council regarding the matter was Stewart C. Adams, Jr., Attorney-at-Law.*

*Following discussion the City Council tacitly approved the subject letter which will be presented before the State Water Resources Control Board.*

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Department of Parks and Recreation  
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Lodi, CA. 95240

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State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
Attention: Lewis J. Moeller  
P.O. Box 2000  
Stockton, CA. 95812-2000

**RE: State Water Resources Control Board Mokelumne River Hearing**

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**Very truly yours,**

**Robert J. Johnson**  
**Director**  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**